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Re: Application of Eiichi KITAZONO, Takanori MIYOSHI, Hiroaki KANEKO,  
Yoshihiko SUMI, and Yukako FUKUHIRA  
COMPOSITE OF SUPPORT MATRIX AND COLLAGEN, AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCTION OF SUPPORT MATRIX AND COMPOSITE  
**Assignee: TEIJIN LIMITED**  
Our Ref: Q90681

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ one (1) sheet of drawings (Figs 1-3).
- ☒ Article 34 Amendment (Filed on November 26, 2004).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosures Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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